

## MANY VALUABLE PAPERS SAVED AT THE CAPITOL

Commissioner Draper Gives Out  
List of Priceless Historical  
Documents Recovered.

### TALK OF LARGER BUILDING

**Abbott's Body Not Found—Bayne Accuses Firemen of Inefficiency—Assembly Judiciary Records Gone.**

By Telegraph to The Tribune 1  
Albany, March 30.—With the firemen still pouring tons of water into the smoldering ruins of the broad western section of the Capitol building to-night, the whole imposing front of the great structure was brilliantly lighted, an effect which dispelled, in a large measure, the gloom which hung over Capitol Hill the night before. Hundreds of workmen were employed in clearing up the debris in the deserted rooms where the floors had held and were not dangerous to work on. They threw the blackened and charred remains of thousands of volumes from the Senate law library in shovels out of the gaping windows. The yard and streets adjoining the western end of the Capitol were covered with the white remnants of documents and book leaves.

A more thorough examination to-day of the sections of the building in the fire zone by State Architect Ware and his corps of assistants found many of the inside walls in danger of falling, and the order went out to the workmen not to venture into the main section of the west wing where the state library was located and the roof had fallen in. There was also danger, it was said, of parts of the outside walls on the northwest corner falling.

The police lines were extended and pedestrians not allowed to pass on that side of the building through State street. The massive tower on that corner of the structure crumbled and fell during the fire. The families occupying houses in State street opposite the Capitol were not allowed to re-enter their homes.

A score of employees of the State Educational Department were rewarded in their exploration today of the outlying galleries of the great state library, where some of the many state archives and priceless historical documents were found to be intact.

#### Dr. Draper Greatly PLEASED.

Dr. Andrew S. Draper, Commissioner of Education, was highly pleased over the rescue of even a small portion of these irreplaceable records. He was hopeful that other books and records would be found in a fair state of preservation as the search was continued. Twenty-three volumes of the documentary records of the War of 1812, which had an inestimable historical value, were recovered practically unchanged. Fifty volumes of the Stevens set of facsimiles of English papers, bearing on the history of relations of the colonies and England, were also recovered.

But the great bulk of books and docu-



WRECK OF THE STATE LIBRARY IN THE CAPITOL AT ALBANY.

(Photograph by the American Press Association.)

ments stored in the library were destroyed.

Dr. Draper gave out a complete list of the articles and manuscripts which were saved in this way. They included many valuable New York State documents of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The various constitutions of the State of New York, beginning with that of 1777, were among them. There were also the autographs of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in a bound volume, the famous Major André papers, Washington's opinion of the surviving general of the Revolution, written in the winter of 1779-'82, various other Washington documents, and the invaluable Van Rensselaer papers.

The perilous condition of the Capitol ruins makes systematic search for the body of Samuel J. Abbott, the veteran night watchman of the State Library, who was lost in the fire. Impossible. Mr. Abbott's son, who, with his sister, came here from West Newton, Mass., led the search to-day with several workmen who have been assigned to him for that purpose by Governor Diaz. They dug all day on the edge of the pile of stone and twisted iron which fell to the third floor with the roof over the State Library. It is thought that Abbott was first suffocated by the smoke near his desk in the library and then buried there under the falling stone and iron. The searchers had to proceed cautiously on account of the danger of weak and falling stones and walls, over which they worked. No trace of the body had been found to-night.

**Plans for Restoration.**  
With the various state departments whose offices in the Capitol were rendered useless by the fire, fairly well settled to-day in new and temporary quarters, the wheels began to move in the direction of plans for the restoration of the damaged part of the building. An emergency appropriation bill for \$100,000 for immediate repairs for the building and the tearing down of such walls as are in a dangerous condition was introduced in both houses of the Legislature. This applies only to the bills of the current session. The files covering the legislation of the last twenty years were kept on the Assembly side and were destroyed.

Elmer Blair, who is in charge of the Department of Public Buildings until his successor comes out, has called attention to the inadequate wiring of the building in several of its annual reports, but that an application for redressing had been steadily denied.

"The electric wiring in the Capitol was installed years ago," said Mr. Blair, "and out of date. I do not believe there is an insurance company in the country that would have taken insurance on a building wired as the Capitol was."

Many suggestions by legislators and others as to what the state may do relative to rebuilding the burned portions of the Capitol are being made. Some believe that the state should acquire all the property as far west as Swan street, a block beyond the present Capitol grounds, and extend the Capitol to the present western limits of the park. They point out that the state departments are constantly spreading out and taking more room in adjacent buildings, and that even after the new Education Building is completed and occupied, it will be found that the Capitol will be too small to accommodate all the requirements of the state departments.

State Architect Ware isn't concerned with these various suggestions, nor is he going ahead with immediate plans to remedy the present condition of the building. It was said that probably the building itself could be restored to its original condition at a cost of about \$100,000. This is somewhat under the estimate made by the State Architect yesterday, before he and his men had an opportunity to make a more careful examination of conditions.

It is said that an appropriation of this size would practically wipe out the estimated surplus remaining in the State Treasury at the end of the present fiscal year. The state cannot bond "bait" for this rebuilding, and the money must be taken directly from the treasury.

**SHOWED HIM NO MERCY**  
Mexican Caught Attacking Rail road Summarily Shot.

By Telegraph to The Tribune  
San Luis Potosi, Mexico, March 30.—Advices from Tolosa give an account of the execution of Trinidad Conde, a well known citizen of that section, who was caught making an attack on the railroad. The death penalty was imposed and carried out in accordance with the new law suspending personal guarantees.

The captors of Conde were in doubt regarding putting the suspension of guarantees into effect, and reported to General Gonzales, Governor of the state, who decided that the law should be obeyed. The trial of Conde lasted only two hours and the sentence of death was passed. He received this decree with complete indifference. The sentence was carried out in the public cemetery. The condemned man marched to the place of execution with a firm step and made no plea for mercy.

The revolution has spread to points in the state of San Luis Potosi. One band of more than three hundred rebels is operating near Matamala, where there are large American mining and smelting interests. Federal troops were sent from here on a special train to protect the town from capture.

**DE LA BARRA TALKS PEACE**  
Believes Hostilities Will End Within Ten Days.

By Telegraph to The Tribune  
San Antonio, Tex., March 30.—That the reforms to be instituted in Mexico in hope of bringing about peace will be sweeping was asserted here to-day by Francisco de la Barra, Mexico's new Minister of Foreign Relations, who passed through the city on his way to Mexico City. He will arrive there Saturday morning. Congress will meet on the same day. He intimated that the government's policy would be outlined in President Diaz's message.

Mexico desires peace, he said. I am not ready to go into details, for I am not fully informed myself. The plan will be fully discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet, which will be held when I reach Mexico City. I think it can safely be said that what will be done will result in every man now in arms ceasing hostilities within ten days.

Senor de la Barra was not met at the station by either Francisco Madero, Jr. or Gustav Madero. No member of the local junta attempted to see him. After the minister had departed the Maderos were informed of his statements. They maintain that this confirms what they have already made public.

The report that myself or my son would go to Mexico for a peace conference is without foundation, said the elder Madero. We would enter Mexico under no circumstances without a public mandate by Congress. President Diaz is the Cabildo regarding the peace. In my opinion the conference will be held in the United States, possibly at San Antonio. We certainly expect a declaration of future policy in the message which Diaz will send to Congress at its meeting on Saturday. Mean- time hostilities will continue as actively as ever.

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## NEW YORKERS CAPTURED

**Sidney Severs and "Joe Murry"  
Prisoners of Mexicans.**

### THEY ARE TAKEN IN BATTLE

**Father Seeks Release of Severs,  
Who Was a Cowboy in  
Texas Before the War.**

Dispatches which reached this city last night reported the capture of two New York men—Sidney Severs, of No. 357 West 13th street, and "Joe" Murry, of No. 241 East 2d street, by the Mexican federal troops. With a number of other foreigners, they were captured during the fight at Casas Grandes.

B. E. Severs, father of one of the captives, learned of his son's misfortune last night. He said that he would telegraph the Secretary of State at once to ask that his son be given his full rights. He said he would also begin a fight for his release. Mr. Severs said his son was a cowboy in Texas before going over the border.

"Joe" Murry, the other captive, is thought to be William J. Huggard, of No. 233 East 4d street. He gave the name of Thomas Lowery, at No. 311 East 4d street, an uncle of William J. Huggard. Michael Huggard, a brother, showed a letter from William Huggard last night, saying that he was with Madero's forces near Juarez just before the Casas Grandes fight.

Murry, it is said, disguised his real name because his life would be sacrificed should the Mexican government learn his identity. He is said to have been one of the first movers in the revolution. Huggard had two companions—James and John Murray. Before he left this city, and because his uncle lives in the same house with them it is supposed that he used the name of Murry.

Huggard repeats the statement of the insurgent Junta in the United States of the effort that no terms of peace will be proposed by the insurgent party, but must come from the Diaz administration, and Madero will demand what he asked in his original proclamation issued three months ago.

Parraza has other messages for the representatives of Madero in Texas, the names of which he would not reveal. He said conditions in Mexico are critical, and the uprising is increasing since the change announced by Diaz.

### SALE OF ARMS CONTINUES

**Peace Rumors Do Not Check**

Trade at El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., March 30.—The dove of peace may be hovering over the Mexican war zone, but the sale of ammunition and arms to the revolutionists continues as brisk as when the insurgents were encamped across the Rio Grande from El Paso. The sales are not made in quantities, but the retail trade in rifles and ammunition at El Paso continues active, dealers said to-day.

Whether Francisco I. Madero will come here is not known, but some of his staff officers have arrived, giving color to reports that Madero himself soon would come. This is regarded as improbable, however, unless by agreement with the United States, for a warrant is out in El Paso for his arrest on a charge of inciting a revolution against a friendly nation.

Madero and Orozco are both west of Chihuahua. This is officially given out at the El Paso junta.

If reports that Madero has ordered the fighting to cease until peace negotiations are concluded are true, his messengers either have not received the instructions or his orders have been disregarded.

There was fighting to-day southeast of Chihuahua and also at Ures.

Rebels are still active south of Chihuahua. Many more bridges have been blown up on the international line from Durango to Torreon, and the insurgents refuse to allow repair to be made.

Repairs on the Mexico Northwestern, between Pearson and Juarez, are almost completed.

Dynamite has been received at Volcadero by the American Smelting and Refining Company and another shipment has been sent to the Sierra Morena mines in Durango. This will keep the large force of miners at work at those places.

### FOSDICK RETURNS RECORDS

Raymond B. Fosdick, Commissioner of Accounts, was compelled yesterday to return to the County Clerk's office the records of condemnation proceedings in The Bronx which he obtained on the order of Justice Newburger, the court having learned that the papers could not be removed from the office of the County Clerk except on a subpoena.

Augusta, Ga., March 30.—In a high wind that uprooted trees Frank Coffey, the aviator, accompanied by his young wife, made a flight of more than twenty-eight miles from Augusta to Aiken, S. C., in forty-one minutes to day to keep a breakfast appointment with friends.

No other woman in America, under weather conditions of any sort, has ever made a flight of this length, it is said. It was found impossible to take a straight course because of the wind.

### TAKES WIFE IN AEROPLANE

Wright Aviator Covers 28 Miles in  
41 Minutes, Despite Gale.

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